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SUBJECT: AMOCO INTEREST IN MALTA/LIBYA WATERS

1. AMOCO (STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA) HAS CONTACTED
DEPARTMENT ABOUT OIL EXPLORATION BETWEEN MALTA AND LIBYA.
AMOCO OFFICIAL (KAPPOCK) STATED PART OF THE TERRITORY IN
QUESTION IS MALTESE BUT A PORTION MAY BE IN DISPUTED AREA.
AMOCO CONTEMPLATING A CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF RIGHTS FROM
ANOTHER COMPANY IN WHICH THE PURCHASE WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE
UNTIL THE SELLER'S TITLE TO THE RIGHTS HAD BEEN FORMALLY
CONFIRMED BY A SOVEREIGN WHO HAS A RECOGNIZED LEGAL RIGHT
TO DO SO.

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2. KAPPOCK SAID AMOCO HAD NO PRESENT INTENTION OF ENGAGING
IN EXPLORATION, AND HE INDICATED HE WAS AWARE OF THE THREAT
TO RIGS CLOSE TO TUNISIA IN PAST WEEKS. HE SAID HIS COM-
PANY HAD A RIG DRILLING OFF THE TUNISIAN SHORE BUT IT HAD
NOT BEEN THREATENED BY THE LIBYANS.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS STRONGLY DISCOURAGED ACQUISITION IN ANY
DISPUTED TERRITORY AND INFORMED KAPPOCK THAT
IF A COMPANY PROCEEDS WITH SUCH ACQUISITION AND
SUBSEQUENTLY BECOMES INVOLVED IN A DISPUTE IT MAY HAVE TO
RELY ON ITS OWN RESOURCES TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS.

4. DEPARTMENT REPEATING TO VALLETTA SEPTTEL RECENT CABLES
ON TUNISIA-LIBYA DISPUTE. REQUEST ADDRESSEES INFO
VALLETTA IN FUTURE REPORTS ON THIS QUESTION. VANCE

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